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Youth Club news and photos inside.

ALSO IN THIS EDITION:

- Village People
Who is featured this month?
- Norfolk Constabulary - community engagement dates for Hopton.
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- Youth Club news.
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13 May 2024.

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If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk to the Council on 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm. The Parish Council's website also has information at the click of a mouse.

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Make some room in your diary to support a local event ...

Are you involved in organising a local event? Let us know and we can spread the word. Contact hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or phone **01502 730768** and speak to Julie. Copy deadline is **12th** of each month for inclusion in the following monthly edition.



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DROP IN AT THE CHURCH:
Every Monday 10 to 12. All welcome.

YOUTH CLUB:
Every Friday 7 - 9pm (during term time).

Saturday 15 June. Party in the Park at the Recreation Ground. PC Mark Saggars will be at Party in the Park 11am – 6pm.

Summer Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 22nd June

JULY
Meet PC Mark Saggars 3 July 7pm – 8pm
Hopton Church Ruin Coast Road
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 13 July
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 27 July

AUGUST to DECEMBER
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 10 and 24 August, 14 and 28 September.
Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 21st September
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 26 October and 23 November
Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 30th November

MAY
2 May. Election – Police & Crime Commissioner – Village Hall.
13 May, 7.30pm Village Hall. Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. All welcome.
Meet PC Mark Saggars will at the Ruin between 7 – 8pm on 10 May, and at the Village Hall 10 – 11am on 24 May.

JUNE
D. Day commemoration 6 June at Ritson Lodge.
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church Saturday 8 June.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:
www.hopton-on-seavh.info
or phone **01502 730768** and speak to Kye to book a party or event.
Parish Council website:
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GARDENING HINTS AND TIPS

Tools

The main thing is finding the right tool for you – that fits your grip, is balanced and in proportion to you. This is not necessarily the most expensive.

Essential toolkit:

- good secateurs
- a hoe – one that works for you – the angle of the blade must be right and the handle the right length
- trowel
- border fork
- hand fork
- edging shears
- spade

Clothes

Whatever you're comfortable in, but also think about what you want to have with you in the garden – perhaps a holster with secateurs would be useful, or maybe wear cargo trousers with lots of pockets, or belts with attachments that you can carry things with.



NO SLUGS

Pests

Watch to see what's in your garden and plan in advance to stop them attacking. If, for example, you know that your garden has lots of slugs and snails, take a trip out at dusk to pick them off (don't wait until they've been eaten), or if you have lots of pigeons about, put up buzz lines and deterrents that will flap about to scare them off.



Planting

If you are planting anything make sure its well-watered before you take it out of the pot, and that the ground you are putting it in is well watered too.

Find the right plants for your soil – see what your neighbours are growing! If it looks good in their garden, it will work in yours too. The more time you spend in your garden, the more confident you'll get with what's growing there. Try to resist things that just won't grow in your soil, eg if you have alkaline soil, don't even attempt to grow rhododendrons.

Read the plant labels – the description of the plant and the conditions that they like – and match that up to your garden. The web is invaluable to helping you to find things out about specific plants.

Planning

Its good practice to carry a notebook into the garden with you for all those jobs you see and think you'll come back to, or to note something – eg the alliums are in the wrong place so I need to come back in the autumn to move them to a different place.

A notebook is also useful for planning – eg this combination of plants looks nice now, I'll do more of it in the future. The same goes for vegetables – this is what worked well this year so I should do it again. Noting sowing dates is useful too (for if it has or hasn't worked) to refer back to the following season.

Sometimes its worth just doing a job when you think of it (even if theoretically its not the best time for

it)! Otherwise it won't happen.

Take photos of your garden or allotment through the year because it gives you another perspective, but also gives you a reference for when you are planning your garden in the winter so you can see what worked, what should be moved, etc.

Timings and seasons – be instinctive as opposed to sowing on set dates, eg, if it still feels too cold and wet, don't sow yet! If you've never done it before then use books to guide you, but once you're more experienced, use your instinct.

At some point in the winter, sit and plan what you want to do and what you want to grow. It's a lovely activity that gives you optimism in the depths of winter. And spending winter evenings looking at seed catalogues, reference books and exploring plants on the internet is fun.

Magazines – find one that meets your needs and gives the kind of advice you need – for example does it give advice about sowing seeds, or garden design. Look out for things that come free with magazines, you might get something like a free seed sample of a plant that you might not think of buying yourself.

A gardening calendar is useful, and you can buy posters that are useful especially for seed sowing and vegetables. You often get these free with magazines too.

Be prepared for things not to work! Sometimes things fail. Be patient & have fun!

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Hopton on Sea Parish Council meetings take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Agenda is published on the Parish Council's website and on the three noticeboards in the parish. A public forum takes place during each monthly session where you can raise issues that are of concern to you.

Parish Council website:
www.hopton-on-seapc.info

Meeting dates 2024:

13 May Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting,
10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September,
14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

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Steve Ames	01502731759
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10 May 2024 7pm - 8pm Hopton Church Ruin Coast Road

24 May 2024 10am - 12 Hopton Village Hall

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Notice of Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13 May 2024

To all Electors in the Parish of Hopton-on-Sea

Please be advised the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at Hopton Village Hall on **MONDAY 13 MAY 2024**. The meeting will commence immediately after closure of the Annual Parish Council Meeting which starts at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an Electors meeting at which any matter of relevance to the parish may be discussed in open forum.

If any group, organisation or business in the Village would like to attend and

provide a brief presentation of the work they have carried out during the year, or to submit a written report, that would be very welcome. Please contact the Clerk to the Council if you would like to attend/submit a report.

Julie McNair Clerk to the Parish Council.
e-mail hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

Tel: **01502 730768** or in person at the village hall office.

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<http://hopton-on-sea-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Dated: 1 April 2024



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NR31 9RP

NEXT VISITS (WEDNESDAYS):

15 May

12 June, 10 July

7 August, 4 September,

2 October, 30 October,

27 November

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Chairman's Annual Report 2023/24

I have now been Chair for 12 months and it has been a busy year for the Parish Council. One well-liked and very useful Councillor resigned, and three new Councillors came on board.

Minor repairs have been carried out to the Pavilion Building. It is good to see the recreation ground in use. The defibrillator on the external wall is maintained by the Parish Council.

Dog fouling has been on the increase once again. The voluntary dog wardens patrol the streets and report issues to GYBC Environmental Health. A campaign to stamp out this unhealthy, unsociable and irresponsible practise is on-going.

We have trimmed back some of the trees on the recreation ground and planted more laurel bushes along the front fence line. The car park barrier has also been repaired.

Another Councillor and I attended Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Development Control Committee meeting to raise concerns about the proposed changes to the Haven site. Comments in relation to GYBC's new draft local plan have been submitted and further consultations are due in April/May 2024 [the consultation has now been published in Village News, on website and can be found on GYBC website].

A new SAM2 camera bracket was installed on Links Road south side (being part of Hopton Parish), and the camera is now spending part of its time there as well as Station Road, Lowestoft Road, Sidegate Road and Coast Road.

In May we presented pupils at Hopton CE Primary

academy with leather bookmarks to commemorate the crowning of King Charles 111 which was a joyous event.

The Parish Council was pleased to financially support Party in the Park and Carols around the Ruin 2023.

The litter picking events are still ongoing and have been reasonably well attended, although we could always do with more volunteers. It is amazing how much rubbish we collect.

In August we held another skateboarding, BMX, scooter event. Despite delays which were out of our control, the event was well attended.

We are making slow progress with our application to use developers' money for the upgrade of St Clair Court play area. All the necessary quotations have been received and submitted in good time to Great Yarmouth Borough Council, who have now advised that no decision will be made until late spring.

The Christmas tree purchased last year for the Millennium Garden failed to survive, despite frequent watering. A temporary one was purchased and lit for the Christmas period 2023. A new tree has been donated and hopefully, will be a reasonable size in a few years.

Although the unadopted pathway along Warren Road to Gorleston is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, we have listened to the complaints regarding overgrowth at the sides, hedges and trees, and arranged for our contract gardener to cut these back where possible.

The pigeon proofing at the tower in the Millennium Garden has been completed with new netting installed which does seem to be doing its job! The

walls of the ruin are to be repaired in accordance with the advice of the Conservation Officer when the weather is warmer.

We maintain the flower tubs throughout the village and if anyone would like to sponsor the boat in the Millennium Garden, or the two tubs Station Road/Anglian Way, please let us know.

A new biodiversity policy, with action plan, has been approved and will take shape over the coming months.

Village News magazine continues to be produced on a monthly basis and delivered to all homes in the Parish. If you would like to advertise, or have any suggestions for articles, please let us know. We continue to communicate with residents via the magazine, Hopton Residents Facebook and Nextdoor. Two of the noticeboards were repaired last summer.

Thanks to our County and Borough Cllr. Carl Anni-son new updated flashing 20mph signs are soon to be installed outside the school on Coast Road.

Budgets are always tight. Due to increased general costs, and the diminishing funding from GYBC, the Parish Council has increased the Precept (the small part of your Council tax you pay to the Borough Council for Parish use) by £4.76 per year for a Band D property from April 2024. Other bands are proportionate.

Finally, a big thank you to all volunteers (including councillors) for donating their time and energy for the benefit of the village.

Cllr. Jan Windsor-Luck
Chairman
April 2024

Great Yarmouth First Draft Local Plan Consultation.

Great Yarmouth First Draft Local Plan Consultation. This affects Hopton.

See April edition of Village News, Parish Council's Website and Noticeboards. A reminder that the deadline for comments to GYBC is 8th May 2024.

From GYBC:

Great Yarmouth Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2. The new Local Plan will set out a strategy for the development of the Borough over the period to 2041. It will set out the amount of new development needed and will determine where that development will go and how it should be delivered. The new Local Plan will also contain planning policies that will be used in determining planning applications.

We are writing to invite you to make comments on a first draft of the new Local Plan.

The consultation can be viewed here:
<https://localplan.great-yarmouth.gov.uk>

Comments can be made by using the interactive document available at the above link or alternatively you can email a response to localplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk. We can also accept responses by post to Strategic Planning, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF.

Please ensure all comments are received by midnight on 8th May 2024.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the Strategic Planning team using the contact details below:

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Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Email: localplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk
www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk
Telephone: 01493 846270

Three gripes!

It is nice to see that there are so many treasured pets in the village, but I have three gripes. The first is the amount of dog poo that is not picked up (it is part of the brief of pet ownership). The second is the misbelief that there is a dog poo bag fairy who picks bags off trees, out of bushes and from pavements and puts them in the bin. The fairy does not exist, so please dispose of bags responsibly either in a public litter bin or take the bag home and put it in your own bin. My final gripe concerns the use of retractable leads. These should be checked regularly for fraying and that the mechanism is working properly. They should not be used on public roads but kept for

recreation areas. If the dog is allowed to walk 4 feet in front of you, it can walk 4 feet across the road. I have seen so many near misses when dogs have gone into traffic. Also leads can 'jam'. If they are attached to a collar and the lead jams it can cause damage to the dog's neck. These leads have their uses as training aids and for allowing the animal more freedom in open spaces, but their use should be restricted and ideally 2 leads taken when walking (a traditional lead for trafficked areas and a retractable for open spaces.)

Cllr. Jan Windsor-Luck

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Chairman), Sue Hacon (Vice-Chairman), Steve Ames, Yvonne Bradley, Keith Bradley, Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett, John Tonks.

Also present: County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison. Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and one member of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To receive apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. There were none.

3. Public Forum. Nothing raised.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 11 March 2024 and Minute of the extra ordinary Meeting held 22 March 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the Minute of 11 March 2024. This was unanimously agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Y. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to approve the Minute of 22 March 2024. This was agreed by majority vote.

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Cllr. Annison advised that progress has been made regarding the development of bungalows north Lowestoft Road. Top soil has been levelled out, a section of footpath topped out, the turning head at the end of the road is going to be topped out and finished on the 18th of this month. Cllr. Annison has asked Paul Sellick, NCC Highways for a site meeting to discuss exactly what further works need to be carried out. As a temporary measure, Cllr. Annison has asked the "hit squad" from GYBC to cut back the overgrown sides from Noel Close north to the A47 and tidy up verges. The situation is on-going.

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.

a) Correspondence. Listing as previously circulated.

b) Planning applications. There were none.

c) Finance. To agree April 2024 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 31 March 2024.

Eight payments and two direct debits totalling £3,918.29 from the business current account. It was proposed by Cllr. Plaskett and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to approve the bank reconciliation statement and April list of payments. This was unanimously agreed. The financial year end balance is £43,773.62. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is with the internal auditor for checking.

7. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.

a) Update following meeting with UK Power Networks on 2 April 2024.

Cllrs. Lee and Windsor-Luck met with UK Power Networks. A survey and schedule of works has been received. The quotation is £9,511.20 including VAT to install an electricity supply within the grounds of the Millennium Garden. There would be further costs in terms of architect's drawings and the purchase/installation of lighting. At this stage it is a feasibility study, exploring what is possible. Much discussion took place regarding the cost and potential pit-falls.

Cllr. Ames proposed that the Parish Council does not move forward with UK Power Networks, but to continue with an approach to the school/Diocese to see whether a separate metered supply could come off the school. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Plaskett.

A counter-proposal was made by Cllr. Tonks to carry on researching with UK Power Networks and other organisations, and to bring all information to a future meeting. This proposal was not seconded.

Voting took place on the first proposal, five in favour, four opposed. Carried by majority

vote. Cllr. Lee will take this forward with the Diocese.

8. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

a) Defib monthly maintenance update. March maintenance has been carried out by Cllr. Hacon. The defib is emergency ready on The Circuit. A spare set of pads are held by Heart 2 Heart.

b) Talking Elm Tree Services re Oak Tree east side work.

There is a delay with GYBC dealing with the application for tree works.

c) Fire risk checklist and action plan Pavilion Building.

The action plan has been completed. There are five recommendations and Hopton Harriers will be carrying out the work, at their cost.

Some discussion took place regarding the Parish Council's insurance and whether this covers storage of liquids and activities that are taking place within the building. It was proposed by Cllr. Ames that (i) a Fire Prevention Officer from the Fire Service be asked to attend the building and provide advice, which is free of charge, and (ii) the Clerk to produce a trading account, and establish the number of Hopton children that use the facilities. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Oakes and unanimously agreed.

9. To receive information and consider Councillor Refresher Training with Norfolk Parish Training & Support, to be held on-line, 6 June 2024, 7pm to 9pm, at a cost of £40 per Councillor. Alternatively, full Council refresher training.

Some discussion took place regarding the benefit of full Council training. The cost for NPT&S to attend Hopton, for a 2.5 hour session, would be £295, which equates to £32.77 per attendee (9 Cllrs). Cllrs. Windsor-Luck, Hacon, Oakes, Y. Bradley, K. Bradley and Lee showed an interest. Any spare places could be offered to either Bradwell or Corton Parish Council for a fee to help with the cost.

It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Lee to proceed with full Council training. The Clerk to circulate suggested dates/times. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Ames expressed an interest in attending the full day new Cllr. induction course on 22 May 2024.

10. To receive and consider updates from previous Minutes.

a) Progress of plans for the 80th anniversary of D. Day 6 June 2024.

Organisation is progressing well. There will be a presentation at the school in the morning and at Ritson Lodge in the afternoon, where some school pupils will be present wearing their 1940s style tops, knitted by volunteers in the village. Afternoon tea will follow, which is being provided by Ritson Lodge. Further discussion took place, and Cllr. Lee will produce a written/power point presentation. If any residents have any artefacts or photos they would like to share please contact Cllr. Lee – details in Village News magazine.

b) Village litter pick 27 April 2024, meeting 10am Pavilion Building.

The event has been advertised in the April edition of Village News magazine, on the Parish Council's website, noticeboards and posters have been sent to the school. Details will be uploaded to Hopton Residents Facebook page shortly. There is a "lets play litter bingo" game for children (accompanied by a responsible adult).

c) Annual Parish Meeting 13 May 2024.

Details have been advertised in the April edition of Village News magazine, on the Parish Council's website and noticeboards, inviting groups, organisations and businesses in the village to submit a summary of their work throughout the year, or attend the meeting to carry out a brief presentation. As yet, no responses have been received. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 13 May 2024 in the Village Hall, immediately after closure of the Annual Parish Council meeting which starts at 7.30pm.

11. To receive information regarding the new full draft Local Plan. Parish meeting at the Town Hall 10 April 2024. Public Consultation Meetings.

Details have been published in the April edition of Village News, on the Parish Council's website, noticeboards and Hopton Residents Facebook page. The

public consultation runs until 8 May 2024. The consultation can be viewed at <https://localplan.great-yarmouth.gov.uk>

There are two* proposed developments affecting Hopton. HOP1 relates to 50 sheltered homes/homes with care at land Longfulans Lane (south side). HOP2 relates to 40 homes and business use at land Coast Road (Potters Leisure overflow car park area).

*Note: The development south side of Links Road, reference URB19 in the draft Local Plan has been allocated to Gorleston by GYBC, despite the land being within Hopton's boundary.

There are a number of public meetings in the Borough and details can be found on their website above.

Cllrs. Windsor-Luck, Hacon and Plaskett will be attending the Parish meeting at the Town Hall on 10 April 2024. Questions will be raised regarding the National Planning Policy Framework, which altered last year, and the encroachment on green belt in relation to HO1.

All comments from residents and the Parish Council must be submitted to GYBC by the 8 May 2024.

12. To receive and consider information from GYBC relating to the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and consultation period.

The consultation is whether fixed CIL rates should be adopted by GYBC in relation to developments. Papers have previously been circulated. The consultation can be found on GYBC website.

13. Code of Conduct complaint. Decision of the Monitoring Officer GYBC.

A complaint was made by a member of the public regarding the conduct of two Parish Cllrs. The Monitoring Officer (GYBC) has investigated and concluded that she could not find reasonable evidence of a breach of code of conduct in both cases. No further action is to be taken and the cases have been closed.

14. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 13 May 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Confirmed. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. All residents welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

These Minutes are in draft format and unconfirmed until approved at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted in the following ways:-

E-Mail: hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

Tel: 01502 730768 (message service)

Website: www.hopton-on-seapc.info

Address: Office at the Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE. Office open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm (flexible).



CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

How does a barber drive to work?
He takes short cuts.

What do you call cheese that belongs to someone else?
Nacho cheese!

What kind of shoes do frogs love?
Open-toed.

What fruit do twins love?
Pears.

Who eats snails?
People who don't like fast food.

Why are basketball courts always wet?
Because the players dribble.

Where did the music teacher leave her keys?
In the piano.

How does the ocean say hi?
It waves.

Name the kind of tree you can hold in your hand?
A Palm tree.

Why did the computer get sick?
It caught a virus.

Any good jokes, or bad ones, please submit to:

hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

The RSPCA East Norfolk Branch is searching for some amazing people to join our fostering team! Our waiting list is becoming longer and we have no space to place the cats. To become a foster carer you will need to have a spare room away from any other pets, this will be where the cat stays whilst in your care. Everything is provided including food, litter, vets bills and more.

Without foster carers we simply would not be able to do what we do.

Before a cat is placed with you we will always contact you beforehand giving you as much detail as we can about the animal to make sure you are happy to take it, all cats will be seen by a vet before coming to you. Some cats may require some medication at some point during their stay, we are always on hand to give advice and help you with this wherever possible.

For more information please email:
volunteering@rspcaeastnorfolk.org.uk

THE RSPCA EAST NORFOLK BRANCH



Main hall

Monday:	Dance Academy 3.30pm to 7.30pm Badminton Club 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday:	Latin Rhythms 9.30am to 10.30am NHS Private Hire 11am to 1pm Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday:	Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
Thursday:	Pickleball 10am to 12pm Badminton Club 12.30pm to 1.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm Yoga Sculpt 6pm to 7pm Zumba 7.15pm to 8.15pm
Friday:	Dance Academy 3.30pm to 6.30pm Youth Club 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday:	Dance Academy 8.30am to 3.30pm
Sunday:	Childrens football group. 8.30am to 12.30pm

Small hall

Monday:	You and Me Moments 9.30am to 3.30pm Yoga 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday:	Dance Academy 4pm to 6pm Spiritualist Church 7.15pm to 10pm
Wednesday:	Dance Academy 6.30pm to 7pm Phoenix Karate Adult beginners 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday:	Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm Pilates 7pm to 8pm
Friday:	Fifit Weight Class 9.45 to 10.45 Tai Chi 6pm to 7pm
Saturday:	Mini Ballet 10am to 11am Dance Academy 11am to 12pm
Sunday:	Spiritualist Church 6pm to 9pm

What's On at Hopton Village Hall May 24

www.hopton-on-seaVH.info

Bookings via website or phone
01502 730768 and speak to Kye.

Events:

2nd - Elections Police & Crime Commissioner

13th - Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

24th - Police Community Engagement in the Village Hall 10am – 11am

HOPTON-ON-SEA RESIDENTS EVENTS

FREE ENTRY

PARTY IN THE PARK 2024

SAT 15TH JUNE

RECREATION GROUND

HOPTON-ON-SEA, NR31 9AH

11AM TILL 7PM

LIVE MUSIC - D.O.A WRESTLING

STALLS - CIRCUS SKILLS

FOOD - ALPACAS

AND MUCH MORE



Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

From the front cover photo.

Four of our members entered the Easter Colouring Competition from Village News magazine, well done to **Olivia, Casey, Oliver and Kelly** who received a well-deserved Easter Egg from the Parish Council.

Treasurer Required

The club treasurer typically manages the finances of the club, reports on the club's financial performance and spearheads the fundraising effort to ensure the club has the necessary funds to be successful. If you have any treasurer experience or good with numbers and would like to get involved, please get in touch.

The treasurer responsibilities include:

- Creating and maintaining the club's annual budget
- Working with committee members to generate and collect funds
- Ensuring accurate and up-to-date records of all club income and expenditure
- Payments to third parties
- Prepare and issue invoices

- Manages the club's bank account

- Preparing financial statements ahead of the Annual General Meeting

- Reporting on the club's financial performance at the club AGM

For anyone new to the Village, we are a non-profit club open on Friday evenings at the Village Hall during school term time, from 7pm until 9pm. Membership is open to youngsters from Hopton, Corton and Blundeston, currently Year 5 up to 17 years of age. Entrance fee is £2 per member.

Members have a chance to make new friends and build on their social skills. They have access to play computer games, table football, pool/snooker, table tennis, board games and an array of arts and craft activities. Each week there is usually an assisted activity such as cooking or making slime/playdough. There are occasional events these have included a disco, a visit from the birds of prey and learning circus skills. There is also a tuck shop where members can buy an assortment of soft drinks, crisps, chocolate bars and sweets (free tap water is also available).

To enrol your child to start 7th June 2024, please pick up a form from the Village Hall any Friday 6:30pm till 9pm during term time, all completed forms to be submitted by 24th May. Alternately you can request a form via email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. Completed forms can be returned by email, during Youth Club sessions at the Village Hall or posted in the Village Hall post box. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be for September 2024.

All forms are to be completed and returned by Friday 24th May.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and help out on an evening, please call **Liz** on **07729 093748** or email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com, we look forward to hearing from you.

Facebook users, don't miss out on what is going on; please join the Hopton Youth Club Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615 and keep up to date with current events.



HOPTON-ON-SEA BOWLS CLUB

We are a lovely friendly bowls club based behind **St. Margaret's Church** and we need **new members**. If you've played before or want to give it a go for the first time, come along and meet us.

We are in the Sunshine League & the Lothingland League this year as well as having inter-club matches for those that like a bit of competition, but we do just have roll-ups if that's not your thing. We have a great social calendar, something different arranged each month, Fish & Chip suppers, BBQ's, Coach trip in June plus many many more things to come.

Contact Roger **01502 732093** or **07716958289**

AT THE BIG EASTER EGG GIVEAWAY



At the **BIG EASTER EGG GIVEAWAY** over 100 families joined us and joined in the Eggtraordinary Egg Hunt with a Special Guest visit from Peter Rabbit.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, and also a big thank you to this year's **Sponsors Arc Cinema Great Yarmouth & Carp Hunter Giveaways**.

Hopton Residents Events Committee.



Village People

Village people is an interview series about the people who live and work in Hopton. The questions cover a bit about what they do, why they do it, the things that are important to them and hopefully, a bit of humour too. Each month, we ask the same six questions. This month, I wanted to highlight the team at Hopton Pharmacy, who

recently celebrated ten years of serving our community. They are a fabulous team, who always go the extra mile to support people. They nominated Georgia Tiffin, one of the pharmacy dispensing staff to have a go at answering the questions. Many thanks to Georgia for being a good sport.

Interested in taking part? Email klee.hospc@gmail.com

1. Describe yourself in five words. Trustworthy, reliable, active, happy, quiet.

2. Can you say a little about why you chose those words?

I think they describe me well . We enjoy cycling and walking and love peace and quiet. We used to live by Luton Airport and close to the M1, so Hopton is completely different!

3. Tell me a bit about a typical day in your life.

Housework , going walking, catching up with family and preparing and cooking meals. I particularly like pasta, I'm not fussy about what type, I like it all!

4. What's your favourite thing about the village?

Location to both sea , countryside and quietness.

5. What's important to you? Family and happiness.

6. Tell me a funny/strange/unexpected story involving something that has happened to you?

Being chosen to play for England Ladies in Copa '71 in Mexico. It was an amazing experience but the FA didn't like us competing as we weren't an official FA team. When we got back, we were banned from playing for anything from 3 months to a year and a lot of us gave up as a result.

Editor's Note: You can see a photo of the returning England team. Can you guess which one is Yvonne? There will be a dedicated article on the England Copa '71 story next month.

